

REMARKS

Paragraphs 1-9 of the Office Action

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S.
5 Patent Number 5,494,226 to Herstek et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,749,528 to
Carey et al. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Herstek et
al. in view of Carey et al., further in view of U.S. Patent Number 4,736,892 to Calder.
Claims 3-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be
allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base
10 claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3. It is believed that
claim 1 and all remaining claims ultimately depending from claim 1 are now in condition
for allowance.

15 The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

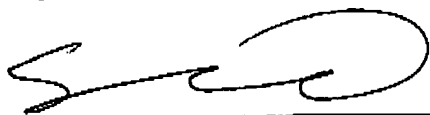
CONCLUSION

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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